GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4613
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2001
VIOLATION OF O.M. BY KENDRIYA BHANADAR
PRABHUNATH SINGH;RAMJI MANJHI

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kendriya Bhandar has abetted MTNL in violating DOP&T OM dated August 14, 1981 by taking part in the tender floated by them for purchase of towels worth Rs. 65 lakhs recently, when Government departments are required to make such purchases from Kendriya Bhandar or the NCCF;

(b) if so, the reasons for violating the said OM;

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government against officials; and

(d) the reasons for the delay in reviewing the said O.M. and not imposing discipline in the Kendriya Bhandar?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a)&(b):There is no DOPT OM dated 14.08.1981. However, OM dated 14.07.1981(as amended) relates to local purchase of stationery and other articles by Central Government Departments etc. from Kendriya Bhandar/Super Bazar/NCCF. Ministries/Departments were requested to bring these instructions to the notice of Public Sector undertakings etc. under their control for compliance. MTNL being a public sector undertaking has its own procedures for purchase etc. and accordingly had floated tender. Thus Kendriya Bhandar has not abetted MTNL to violate DOPT OM dated 14.7.1981 (as amended).

(c): Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

(d): The OM dated 14.07.1981 (as amended) which has wider implications is being reviewed in consultation with Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Consumer Affairs.